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	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Emyr Jones Parry
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Mahiga
	United States of America	Mr. Fendrick

Agenda

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (S/2005/174)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.35 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

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The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Guinea-Bissau in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Cabral (Guinea-Bissau) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2005/174, which contains the report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country.

After consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council.

"The Security Council recognizes some progress made in some areas in Guinea-Bissau, including the electoral process, and urges all political actors in the country to show unequivocal commitment to a peaceful electoral process, leading to peaceful, transparent, free and fair elections, by refraining from inspiring or promoting any sort of ethnic or religious hostilities, particularly with a view to obtaining political gains. In this regard, the Council strongly condemns any attempts to incite violence and to impede ongoing efforts to peace, stability and social and eco development.

"The Security Council expresses its gr concern at recent political development Guinea-Bissau, in particular the decision b 'Partido da Renovação Social' — PRS — to ex-President Koumba Yala as its presid candidate. Any decision, such as this, that chall the Transitional Charter has the potenti jeopardize the successful conclusion of transitional process and forthcoming presid elections.

"The Security Council expresses also its concern at the fact that peace efforts have no generated sufficient social and economic benefi the population that could discourage the use of fo

"The Security Council stresses, at the time, the urgent need for international support t electoral process. It recalls previous appeals increased international assistance to Guinea-Bi including to the forthcoming presidential election part of an urgently needed peacebuilding strateg that country.

"The Security Council calls upon Gui Bissau's international development partn including all concerned agencies of the Un Nations system, to cooperate fully with Government of Guinea-Bissau, which has b fully engaged in the implementation of Transition Charter and in efforts to pron transparency and good governance. It welcor in this regard, the holding on 11 February 20 in Lisbon, of the 'Meeting of Guinea-Biss Partners to prepare for the Roundt Conference' and stresses the importance of str participation in the Donor Roundtable Confere scheduled for October 2005.

"The Security Council welcomes ini measures taken by the Chief of General S regarding the process of reform of the Arm Forces and the promotion of reconciliation amo the military. The Council further encourages inclusiveness and renewed commitment reconciliation in the Armed Forces, development of constructive civilian-milit relations based on the Armed Forces as institution subordinated to the elected civil

authorities. In accordance with its mandate in resolution 1580 (2004), it reaffirms UNOGBIS's role in encouraging and supporting national efforts to reform the security sector."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.